

City of Austin
Historic Landmark Commission

To the Commission;

On behalf of the Old Enfield Homeowners Association, I am writing in opposition to the proposed demolitions at 1602 Pease in Old West Austin Historic District. This home is designated a Contributing Structure to the Old West Austin National Register District and the proposed demolitions will remove another two contributing structures from our District. This threatens the unique character of the District and the legal standing of the Old West Austin NRHD.

Sincerely,

Bill Dorman
President, Old Enfield Homeowners Association
bdorman46@gmail.com

Bertron, Cara

From: Aboone7286 [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 5:36 PM
To: Bertron, Cara
Subject: Wheeler House

Dear
Commissioners,

Please
accept this letter as my formal approval to issue the demolition permit for the home located at 1602 Pease Road. I live in a historic home at 1603 Pease Road, which is located across the street from the subject property, and have for 31 years. As my home is historic, I have worked successfully with Steve Sadowsky for many years. I have met with Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and discussed their intentions for the property moving forward. I am impressed with the style of the home they are intending to build and fully support their application to demolish the existing structure. The current home located on the property, which I have visited many times over the course of the last 10 plus years is not economically feasible to remodel or renovate due to the amount of work that needs to be done. Because the home is not deemed historic, I see no reason why the demolition permit for this property should not be issued. As neighbors of the Wheelers, we fully support their application to demolish the existing structure and hope to see a new home built on the property in the future.

Sincerely, Bill and Ann Boone 1603 Pease Rd Austin Texas 78703

Bertron, Cara

From: JC [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 12:59 PM
To: Bertron, Cara
Subject: Fwd: Old Enfield Homeowners Association letter in opposition to demolition of 1602 Pease

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Dorman [REDACTED]
To: Jim Christianson [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, Dec 14, 2018 4:19 pm
Subject: Fwd: Old Enfield Homeowners Association letter in opposition to demolition of 1602 Pease

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Rice, Andrew" <Andrew.Rice@austintexas.gov>
Subject: RE: Old Enfield Homeowners Association letter in opposition to demolition of 1602 Pease
Date: November 19, 2018 at 1:53:33 PM CST
To: Bill Dorman [REDACTED]

Thanks, Bill! I'll get this posted right away.

Andrew Rice
Historic Preservation Planner 1
City of Austin Planning & Zoning Department
512-974-1686 | andrew.rice@austintexas.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Dorman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 1:51 PM
To: Rice, Andrew <Andrew.Rice@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Old Enfield Homeowners Association letter in opposition to demolition of 1602 Pease

Andrew,

I just spoke to Steve Sadowsky to tell him of Old Enfield Homeowners Association's opposition to the demolition of the home at 1602 Pease being considered at the Historic Landmark Commission's meeting tonight. Attached is a letter to that effect. As stated in the letter our concern is that by continuing to lose homes in Old Enfield that are "contributing structures" we may lose our historic neighborhood designation

Thank you for your consideration

Bill Dorman
President
Old Enfield Homeowners Association

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (*it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice*); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing; and
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
- is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
- is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 14 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

For additional information on the City of Austin's historic review process, visit our website:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/historic-preservation>.

Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the contact person listed on the notice) before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the board or commission's name, the scheduled date of the public hearing, the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice.

Case Number(s): NRD-2018-0068 – 1602 Pease Road
Contact: Andrew Rice, 512-974-1686
Public Hearing: Historic Landmark Commission, Nov. 19, 2018

☐ I am in favor

☒ I object

James Sinclair Black

1605 Pease Rd.

Your Name (*please print*)

Your address(es) affected by this application

James Sinclair Black

Signature

Date

11.16.18

Comments: Please see attached letter! *

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:
City of Austin Planning and Zoning Department
Andrew Rice
PO Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-0088

November 16, 2018

Please except this letter as my formal objection to the issuance of a demolition permit at 1602 Pease Rd. As a resident of the area, I am keenly aware of the overall pervasive quality of the neighborhood, including the importance of the historic district.

The historic district designation is about the quality of the neighborhood as a whole, the context of building on the street, the overall image of the neighborhood, the consistency of scale and the consistency of the streetscape that is presented to the public. The decisions related to a demolition permit should consider all of these factors, not simply an opinion regarding whether the structure itself (which does not exist in a vacuum) is historic.

If this area is considered a district, it should be judged as a district. Each building should be understood as an integral part of the whole. Please deny the permit.

Respectfully submitted,

Sinclair Black, 1605 Pease Rd.

Principal , *Black + Vernooy Architecture and Urban Design*
Director Emeritus, *Congress for the New Urbanism, Central Texas Chapter*
Professor Emeritus, *The University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture*
Congress for the New Urbanism Athena Medal for Lifetime Achievement
Texas Society of Architects Lifetime Achievement Award